GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1182
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MILITANT THREAT IN J & K
DALPAT SINGH PARASTE;DINESH CHANDRA YADAV;JAYABEN B. THAKKAR;PADAMSEN CHAUDHARY;RAM JEEVAN SINGH

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the newsitem regarding Militants threat to working women in the State of Jammu and Kashmir appearing in the Hindu dated 21 January, 2003;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein;

(c) the name of the organisations imposing their code of conduct for women in the State; and

(d) the stand and reaction of the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERS(PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK)

(a) to (c): Government is aware of the fact that terrorist outfits like Al Badr, Harkat-ul-Mujahideen, Harkat-Ul-Jehad-I-Islami, Jaish-e-Mohammad etc., had come up with veil diktat exhorting women particularly School/College going girls in Rajouri (J&K) and also gave ultimatum to Muslim women working with the State Police to quit jobs.Terrorists threat led to some fear in the area and a section of female population had temporarily started wearing Burqa. However, no policewomen resigned her job due to the threat.

(d): Government is alive to such diabolic designs of fundamentalist terrorist outfit`s attempt at `Talibanisation` of the plural culture of Kashmiri society and has, accordingly, sensitized the State Government. The State Government has informed that they have taken a number of steps like intensified patrolling, closer security surveillance and confidence building measures with active participation of locally respected persons. Further the State Government has informed that there has not been any change in the mindset of the common people, particularly women, following the terrorist threats and people have started indicating that they are generally fed up with such diktats being issued by the terrorist.